House Amendment 1605

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Amend House File 700 as follows:
         Page 24, by inserting after line 9 the
   3 following:
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                      Section 12D.1, unnumbered paragraph 1,
   5 Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:
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        The general assembly finds that the general welfare
   7 and well=being of the state are directly related to
   8 educational levels and skills of the citizens of the
   9 state, and that a vital and valid public purpose is
  10 served by the creation and implementation of programs
  11 which encourage and make possible the attainment of
  12 higher education by the greatest number of citizens of
  13 the state. The state has limited resources to provide 14 additional programs for higher education funding and
  15 the continued operation and maintenance of the state's
  16 public institutions of higher education and the
  17 general welfare of the citizens of the state will be
  18 enhanced by establishing a program which allows 19 citizens of the state to invest money in a public
  20 trust for future application to the payment of higher
  21 education costs. The creation of the means of
  22 encouragement for citizens to invest in such a program
  23 represents the carrying out of a vital and valid
  24 public purpose. In order to make available to the
  25 citizens of the state an opportunity to fund future
1 26 higher education needs, it is necessary that a public
  27 trust be established in which moneys may be invested
1 28 for future educational use. It is also necessary to
1 29 establish an endowment fund which may be funded with
  30 public funds, among other sources, the income from 31 which will be made available to participants in the
  32 trust to enhance their savings invested for the
  33 payment of future higher education costs.
  34 Sec. ____. Section 12D.1, subsections 5 and 13, 35 Code 2003, are amended by striking the subsections.
1 36 Sec. ____. Section 12D.2, subsections 4, 8, 10, 1 37 and 12, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows:
        4. Accept any grants, gifts, legislative
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1 39 appropriations, and other moneys from the state, any
  40 unit of federal, state, or local government, or any
  41 other person, firm, partnership, or corporation which
1 42 the treasurer of state shall deposit into the
1 43 administrative fund, the endowment fund, or the
1 44 program fund.
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       8. Solicit and accept for the benefit of the
1 46 endowment fund gifts, grants, and other moneys,
  47 including legislative appropriations and grants from
1 48 any federal, state, or local governmental agency.
        10. Make payments to institutions of higher
1 50 education, participants, or beneficiaries pursuant to
   1 participation agreements on behalf of beneficiaries.
        11. Make refunds to participants upon the
   3 termination of participation agreements and partial
   4 nonqualified distributions to participants pursuant to 5 the provisions, limitations, and restrictions set
   6 forth in this chapter.
         12. Invest moneys from the endowment fund and the
   8 program fund in any investments which are determined
  9 by the treasurer of state to be appropriate.
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        Sec. ____. Section 12D.3, subsections 2 and 3, Code
  11 2003, are amended to read as follows:
      2. Beneficiaries designated in participation
2 13 agreements may be designated from date of birth up to,
 14 but not including, their eighteenth birthday at any 15 age. A substitute beneficiary may be older than age
2 16 eighteen provided that the substitute beneficiary is
  17 not older than the original beneficiary.
2 18 3. A participant's account balance shall be
2 19 refunded to the participant, less endowment fund
2 20 earnings, and less a refund penalty levied by the
2 21 trust against account balance earnings, if any, in the
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2 22 event an account balance remains in the account for a
2 23 thirty-day period following the beneficiary's
2 24 thirtieth birthday.
                  _. Section 12D.4, Code 2003, is amended by
         Sec.
2 26 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
2 27 following:
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         12D.4
                PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS ==
  29 INVESTMENT AND PAYMENTS.
       1. The treasurer of state shall segregate moneys
  31 received by the trust into two funds: the program
  32 fund and the administrative fund.
        2. All moneys paid by participants in connection
  34 with participation agreements shall be deposited as
  35 received into separate accounts within the program
  36 fund.
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              Contributions to the trust made by participants
  38 may only be made in the form of cash.
39 4. A participant or beneficiary shall not provide
  40 investment direction regarding program contributions
  41 or earnings held by the trust.
  42 5. Moneys accrued by participants in the program 43 fund of the trust may be used for payments to any
  44 institution of higher education. Payments may be made
  45 to the institution, the participant, or the
  46 beneficiary.
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                      Section 12D.5, Code 2003, is amended by
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  48 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
  49 following:
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        12D.5 CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENTS.
         A participant may cancel a participation agreement
   2 at will. Upon cancellation of a participation 3 agreement, a participant shall be entitled to the
   4 return of the participant's account balance.
                  _. Section 12D.6, subsection 3, Code 2003,
        Sec. _
   6 are amended by striking the subsection.
     Sec. ____. Section 12D.9, subsection 1, paragraphs
   8 c,
        d, and e, Code 2003, are amended to read as
   9 follows:
3 10 c. Pursuant to section 12D.4, subsection 1,
  <u>11 paragraph "b" 2</u>, a separate account is established for
3 12 each beneficiary.
       d. Pursuant to section 12D.4, subsection 1,
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  14 paragraph "f" 3, contributions may only be made in the
3 15 form of cash.
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  16 e. Pursuant to section 12D.4, subsection \frac{1}{17} paragraph "g" \frac{4}{1}, a participant or beneficiary shall
3 18 not provide investment direction regarding program
  19 contributions or earnings held by the trust.
                   . Section 12D.9, subsection 1, paragraph
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         Sec.
3 21 f, Code 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
  22 Sec. ____. Section 12D.9, subsection 2, Code 2003, 23 is amended to read as follows:
         2. State income tax treatment of the Iowa
3 25 educational savings plan trust shall be as provided in
  26 section 422.7, subsections 32, and 33, and 34, and
  27 section 422.35, subsection 14.
                 _. Section 12D.10, subsection 1, Code 2003,
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  29 is amended to read as follows:
         1. The assets of the trust, including the program
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  31 fund and the endowment fund, shall at all times be
  32 preserved, invested, and expended solely and only for 33 the purposes of the trust and shall be held in trust
  34 for the participants and beneficiaries.
         Sec.
                  . Section 422.7, subsection 34, Code 2003,
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  36 is amended by striking the subsection.
37 Sec. ____. Section 422.35, subsection 14, Code
  38 2003, is amended by striking the subsection.>
  39 \pm 2. Page 46, by inserting after line 13 the
  40 following:
  41 < ___. The amendments to sections 12D.1, 12D.2, 42 12D.3, 12D.4, 12D.5, 12D.6, 12D.9, 12D.10, 422.7, and 43 422.35, which shall apply retroactively to January 1,
  44 2003, for tax years beginning on or after that date.>
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